

- \$70,000 will Pay for Six Mobile Data Systems in Patrol Vehicles-

- *Federal Funding Helps Lower Burden on Local Taxpayers* - Pound Ridge, NY – U.S. Rep. John Hall (D-NY19) today announced that he had secured \$70,000 in the Omnibus Appropriations bill to purchase state-of-the-art mobile data systems for the Pound Ridge Police Department's patrol vehicles. The Interoperable Communications Systems that the funding will help purchase will enable the Pound Ridge Police Department to better respond to emergencies by instantly accessing local, state, and federal law enforcement and emergency management databases. Without the federal funding from Congressman John Hall, the Town of Pound Ridge would have had to pass along the entire cost of these expensive systems to local taxpayers. The new equipment will essentially provide the patrol vehicles with the capabilities of a traveling police department.

"The computer dispatch capabilities that this new system will provide are a tool that the Pound Ridge police need to have so they can have all the relevant data at their fingertips when responding to emergencies," said Congressman Hall. "It is important for our smaller communities, like Pound Ridge, to be just as prepared for disasters and emergencies as big cities are."

Pound Ridge Chief of Police David Ryan said, "This money is being used for a mobile data communications system that will enhance our patrol capabilities, emergency management capabilities, and general field operations capabilities. There is no level of gratitude I could express that would show enough appreciation to Congressman Hall."

The funding that Hall secured for the upgrades was included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act (H.R. 1105) which passed the House last week by a vote of 245 to 178. This legislation is likely to pass the Senate and the President is expected to sign the bill into law. The FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act contains the nine 2009 appropriations bills that were not completed by last year's Congress. Without enactment of these bills, funding for all federal energy research, health care, education, law enforcement, consumer protection, bank regulation and transportation programs would run out on March 6th.

"Together with the economic recovery package, which prevented police department layoffs across America, our actions today will make the people of Pound Ridge safer and more secure," said Congressman Hall.

Congressman Hall will be visiting the Pound Ridge Police Department as soon as the new equipment arrives to talk with the officers about how this new system will help their daily operations.